Application No. 09/836,544

Amendment dated December 15, 2005

Response to Examiner's Request of December 12, 2005

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to insert sequence identifiers into the descriptions of the Tables 1-4. Table 5 has been corrected to add sequence identifiers in the title, and amino acid 34 has been changed from R to A for consistency with the relevant codon in the coding sequence; this is accomplished on replacement page 96. A corrected page 55 of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing is provided herewith; formatting has been corrected, but the content of this page has not been changed. None of the amendments made herein constitutes the addition of new matter.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

This response is accompanied by a replacement page 55 of the Sequence Listing and replacement page 96 of the Specification (Table 5). It is believed that this response does not necessitate the payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any fees due under the foregoing Rules to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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